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Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the two-year extension of the Fourth Cooperation Framework for South-South Cooperation, and the first one-year extensions for the country programmes for Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the two-year extension of the Fourth Cooperation Framework for South-South Cooperation pursuant to decision 2009/9, and the extensions for the country programmes for Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic for a period of one year each, from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012, as reported in table 1.

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Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since June 2011

Country	Original framework/CPD period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Fourth Cooperation Framework for South-South Cooperation	2008-2011	2012-2013			Pursuant to decision 2009/9, the framework is being extended to synchronize with the UNDP strategic plan for 2008-2013. During the extension period, the objectives and activities of the framework would remain the same, and programme activities supported by the Special Unit would be consistent with the focus areas of the framework as elaborated in DP/CF/SSC/4/Rev.1
Eritrea	2007-2011	2012			The Government of the State of Eritrea has decided to opt out of the next UNDAF process. This extension is informed by a Concept Note that is aligned to existing and emerging national priorities, and describes the sectors in which the UNCT/UNDP will concentrate until the end of 2012.
Syria	2007-2011	2012		The UNCT and the government of Syria agreed to extend the country programme for one year to allow for more time for consultative process in developing a new programme.	-

UNDAF = United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNCT= United Nations Country Team